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Subject: RE: draft I-70 email for immediate review

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Hello all,

We at EPA have spent the past several days reviewing the I-70 “Draft Air Quality Conformity Determination and NEPA Comparative Analysis” (the Draft), the truck percentages spreadsheet, and MOVES modeling information sent on the afternoon of Friday, December 16, as well as AERMOD files sent Monday, December 19. We wanted to make you aware of a few comments we have at this point, as well as our requests for additional documentation of the analysis.

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Page 6 of the “Draft Air Quality Conformity Technical Report” states:

“The approach to the air quality analysis has been documented throughout the I-70 East Project in the Air Quality Analysis Protocol and its updates. The procedures in this document [the protocol] have been reviewed through the Interagency Consultation process for each step in the NEPA process.”

Page 1 of the “Air Quality NEPA Comparison Technical Report” states,

“The Interagency Consultation process continued to support the air quality analysis through the review of the updated ... [CO and PM10] modeling completed for the ROD.” (p. 1, lines 22-25).

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The Final EIS included an emissions inventory of atmospheric carbon dioxide for all alternatives discussed. Though there is new GHG guidance, Interagency Consultation with FHWA, EPA, and APCD confirmed that it is not necessary to repeat this analysis because of the following reasons:

☐ Changes to the project design are minimal, so changes to results of analysis at the air quality study area level—which includes the entire project, as well as the surrounding local road network—would not be noticeable

- The regional air quality inventory analysis is primarily a trend-line comparison between project alternatives. The Final EIS adequately discusses these trends for the use of a NEPA comparison 14 and updates to the analysis for the ROD would not alter previously shown regional air quality trends
- The new GHG guidance states that projects that have published a Final EIS are not required to update their analysis

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Second, the Draft also points to the wrong version of the PM hot-spot guidance in several places. Page 8, line 4 of the Draft Conformity Technical Report has the November 2013 document number instead of the November 2015 document number. Page 5, line 14 of the Air Quality NEPA Comparison Report also has the November 2013 document number.

To help us in our review of the analysis, we have the following requests for additional documentation:

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3. EPA would like a guide to AERMOD input/output file names, specifically, which project alternatives go with which AERMOD file names.

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We appreciate your time in getting us this information as soon as possible, given we are within the 30 day comment period and several of us will be out of the office over the holidays.

Many thanks,

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Subject: RE: CO Moves files for EPA review

Chris,

The part of the analysis that appears to be missing is how the emission factors contained in the EMISFACT portion of the AERMOD input files were calculated for each scenario. I am trying to cross-walk between the MOVES files, which contain emission rates for each link, to the volume sources in the AERMOD input file. Can you provide a decoder describing which volume sources correspond to which MOVES links? Also, if no intermediate calculation tables were used, where were the g/s emission rates determined? It is important for us to understand every calculation step performed. And for a complex project like this, we are unable to connect the dots without the additional information requested.

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Chris and Mike,

Could you also provide the scripts and/or intermediate tables that calculate the volume source emission rates from the MOVES output? It is important for us to understand how the cross-walk between MOVES links and AERMOD sources was performed.

Thanks,

-Chris

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